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Rubin et al.

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 13, 2006

The Applicants hereby elect live cells (Species A1) as the species of Group A for search purposes; all pending claims read on Species A1. The Applicants hereby elect Species B1 (includes generating high/low resolution images) as the species of Group B for search purposes; all pending claims read on Species B1.

These species claims are made with traverse as an art search for machine readable storage medium for causing a cell screening system to execute procedures for measuring internalization of cell surface receptor proteins will result in obtaining art on Species A1 and A2 as well as Species B1 and B2, if any such art is available. Thus, there is no additional burden on the patent office to review claims for each of these species.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 913-2106.

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